

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
Washington, D. C.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
FACULTY SENATE HELD ON NOVEMBER 8,
1974, IN THE FACULTY CONFERENCE ROOM,
SIXTH FLOOR, LISNER HALL

- 1 The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Provost Bright, who presided.

Present: Provost Bright, Registrar Houser, Albert, Atkins, Birnbaum for Feffer, Brenner, Cassidy, Cottrell, Eisenberg, Harris, Hill, Hobbs, Kornhauser for Tillman, Lobuts for Vaill, Metivier for Linton, Morgan, Mosel, Naeser, Schmidt, Schwoerer, Smith, Solomon, Stevens, and Wood; Parliamentarian Schwartz.

Absent: President Elliott, Black, Boswell, C. Elliott, Fox, Grub, N. Kramer, R. Kramer, Liebowitz, Meltzer, Nash, Sapin, and Tsangaris.

- 2 The minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 1974, were approved as distributed.

Professor Naeser moved that Item 3 on the agenda entitled "Old Business" (concerning reintroduction and further consideration of Resolution 73/7, "A Resolution Approving Revisions to the Faculty Code and Ordinances") be deferred until Items 4 and 5 had been completed. Professor Stevens seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 4 Professor Wood, on behalf of the Educational Policy Committee, moved adoption of Resolution 74/7, "A Resolution Concerning Supernumerary Course Offerings," and Professor Harris seconded. The question was called, the motion put, and carried unanimously.

- 5 Professor Stevens, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the nomination and election of Professor David E. Silber to the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee as temporary replacement for Professor Malcom L. Meltzer. There were no other nominations from the floor and Professor Silber was unanimously elected.

- 3 Provost Bright, returning to Item 3 on the agenda concerning revisions to the Code Revision, called upon Professor Naeser. Referring to the section entitled "Procedures for the Implementation of the Faculty Code," Professor Naeser moved adoption of the following amendment:

A. GOVERNANCE (Page 21)

The active status full-time faculty and tenured part-time faculty of each department, school, college or comparable educational division shall establish procedures for the governance of that unit.

Reletter A (FACULTY PARTICIPATION. . .) to B. (Page 21)

Reletter B (FACULTY CONSULTATION . . .) to C. (Page 23)

Professor Morgan seconded the motion. Discussion followed by Professors Cottrell, Naeser, and Morgan. Professor Stevens suggested that the word "written" be added before the word "procedures." Professor Naeser said he would accept the addition of that word. The question was called on the amendment, the motion put, and carried unanimously.

Professor Naeser moved that Paragraph 2. a), b), c), 1), 2), 3), and 4) on Page 24 of the Code Revision be deleted and that the following substitution be adopted:

2.

a) Deans, associate deans, assistant deans, and administrative officials of equivalent rank of schools, colleges, or other academic units shall be qualified for faculty membership by training and experience. They shall be appointed only after consultation with the faculty involved, and they shall hold office only as long as they retain the confidence of that faculty.

b) Appointments to such positions shall be made only after a special or standing committee elected by the active status full-time faculty involved from the faculty's tenured members has established criteria, considered nominations, and reported its recommendations to that faculty as a whole for whatever action that faculty deems appropriate.

Professor Hill seconded. Discussion on Paragraph 2.a) followed by Professor Hobbs, Naeser, Morgan, Wood, Cassidy, Smith, Cottrell and Dean Birnbaum. Professor Morgan moved that the first sentence of Paragraph 2.a) be amended to read: "Academic administrative officials of schools, colleges and comparable or larger organizational units shall be qualified for faculty membership by training and experience." Professor Cassidy seconded the motion. Further discussion followed by Professors Harris, Morgan, Naeser, Schwoerer, Hobbs, Stevens, and Provost Bright. Professor Stevens moved to recommit Paragraph 2.a) with Professor Morgan's amendment because of the need to clarify the status of vice presidents, departmental chairmen and non-academic deans. Professor Harris seconded. The question was called on the motion to recommit and was carried by a vote of 9 to 6. A discussion followed on Paragraph 2.b) by Professors Eisenberg, Hill, Harris, Morgan, Hobbs, Naeser, Cottrell, and Provost Bright. Professor Cottrell moved that Paragraph 2.b) be recommitted and Professor Stevens seconded. The question was called on the motion to recommit and was carried unanimously.

Professor Naeser moved that Paragraph 3. Channel of Communication (Page 25) which reads: "The faculty-elected committee of the school or college may also function as a channel of communication to the appropriate superior administrative officer concerning matters relating to personnel," be deleted in its entirety, and Professor Morgan seconded the motion. The question was called, put and carried unanimously.

Professor Naeser moved the following additional amendments to the Code Revision which were adopted by the Senate:

- Renumber 4. to 3. (Page 25)
- Renumber 5. to 4. (Page 26)
- Renumber 6. to 5. (Page 26)
- Reletter C. to D. (Page 27)
- Reletter D. to E. (Page 27)

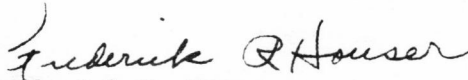
Newly-designated E. FACULTY PARTICIPATION IN ACTION CONCERNING BUDGET (Page 27)

Insert before last sentence: "The salaries of individual faculty members may, at the option of the faculty concerned, be excluded from this review."

Reletter E. to F. (Page 27)

6 Under Brief Statements, Professor Wood, Chairman of the Special Committee of the Faculty Senate, reported on the progress regarding the problem at the Medical School. He said that at the last Senate meeting a discussion was held as to whether or not a meeting of the Medical School faculty would be called to determine whether or not there was confidence in the Vice President for Medical Affairs. He reported that subsequent to the Senate meeting, President Elliott called a meeting on October 14, 1974, of the following people: Vice President Feffer, Dr. Kramer, Professor Stevens, and the members of the Special Committee, Professors Park, Morgan, and Wood. Professor Wood said it was decided without dissent at the October 14th meeting that a meeting of all active status full-time members of the Medical School faculty of the rank of assistant professor and higher would be called on October 29, 1974, at 8:00 p.m. in Ross Hall, to discuss the confidence question, and that Dr. Coakley, Secretary of the Faculty of the Medical School, would be requested to issue the call for the meeting. Such meeting was called by Dr. Coakley and the meeting was held on October 29th. Professor Wood stated that a resolution was introduced at the meeting expressing no confidence in the Vice President for Medical Affairs, which was debated and discussed at great length, and, finally, a motion was adopted to have the resolution voted on by a secret mail ballot conducted by the Senate Special Committee. Professor Wood said that the Special Committee, in accordance with this mandate, prepared the necessary ballots with instructions to ~~mark~~ the ballot either "yes" (expressing no-confidence) or "no," and the Committee mailed the ballots on November 1, 1974, to 330 eligible voters with a request that the same be returned to the Senate Office by November 11, 1974, the date designated for counting the ballots. Professor Wood concluded his report by advising the Senate that 245 ballots had been returned thus far.

Provost Bright adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m. upon motion made and seconded.


Frederick R. Houser
Secretary

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
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The Faculty Senate

October 29, 1974

The Faculty Senate will meet on Friday, November 8, 1974, at 2:10 p.m., in the Faculty Conference Room on the sixth floor of Lisner Hall.

AGENDA

1. Call to order

2. Minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 1974

3. Old Business:

Reintroduction and further consideration of Resolution 73/7, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE FACULTY CODE AND ORDINANCES," Professor Charles R. Naeser, Chairman, Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee

4. Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPERNUMERARY COURSE OFFERINGS (74/7), Professor Reuben E. Wood, Chairman, Educational Policy Committee (resolution attached)

5. General Business:

Nomination for election of Professor David E. Silber to the Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee

6. Brief Statements

7. Adjournment

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A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SUPERNUMERARY COURSE OFFERINGS (74/7)

WHEREAS, The financial problems of the University are of concern to all of the faculty; and

WHEREAS, Proliferation of courses with largely similar content increases the cost without necessarily improving the quality of instruction; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

1. That the departments and other subdivisions of the University take cooperative steps to avoid replication among departments of courses having substantially similar content; and
2. That, within the schools, colleges and divisions, committees shall be established to review alleged cases of wasteful replication in course offerings; and
3. That cases of alleged wasteful replication involving more than one unit represented in the Faculty Senate shall be submitted for review and recommendation to the Senate Committee on Educational Policy.

Educational Policy Committee
October 10, 1974